

Table 1. Ecological grouping of natural community types occurring in Rutherford County, North Carolina with state and global ranks.

ECOLOGICAL GROUPING	RANK	
	STATE	GLOBAL
Low Elevation Mesic Forest		
Rich Cove Forest	S4	G4
Acidic Cove Forest	S5	G5
Canada Hemlock Forest	S5	G5
Mesic Mixed Hardwood Forest (Piedmont Subtype)	S4	G5T5
Basic Mesic Forest (Piedmont Subtype)	S2	G5T3
Low Elevation Dry and Dry Mesic Forest and Woodlands		
Carolina Hemlock Bluff	S2	G2G3
Pine-Oak/Heath	S4	G5
Chestnut Oak Forest	S5	G5
Montane Oak-Hickory Forest	S5	G5
Montane Red Cedar-Hardwood Woodland	S1?	GNR
Dry-Mesic Oak-Hickory Forest	S5	G5
Dry Oak-Hickory Forest	S4	G5
Rock-Outcrop		
Low Elevation Granitic Dome	S1	G2
Low Elevation Rocky Summit	S2	G2
Granitic Flatrock	S2	G3
Montane Acidic Cliff	S3	G4
River Floodplain		
Rocky Bar and Shore	S5	G5
Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest	S5	G5
Piedmont/Mountain Levee Forest	S3?	G5
Non Alluvial Wetlands		
Swamp Forest-Bog Complex (Typic Subtype)	S3	G2G3T2
Spray Cliff	S3	G2
Low Elevation Seep	S3	G4?
Southern Appalachian Bog (Southern Subtype)	S1S2	G1G2T1T2

1. T rank indicates rank for a subtype.

2. An S or G rank involving two numbers indicates uncertainty of rank. An example being a G2G3 rank, which indicates that, the species appears to warrant either a G2 or a G3 rank, but insufficient data exist to allow final determination of rank.